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Police Involved Shooting

*****UPDATE*****

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The investigation into the police involved shooting that occurred on November 23, 2015, has been completed by the Firearms/Police-Involved Death Review Board. The actions of Officer Jared Barsotti #2742 are found to be within the Columbus Division of Police Use of Firearms Policy.

Officer Dragged Responding To Report of Armed Man

Columbus Police are investigating a shooting involving an armed man on the city's north side.

On November 23, 2015, at approximately 2:34am, two Columbus Police officers working special duty at Spain Night Club, 6136 Busch Blvd, and were in the parking lot at closing time. The officers approached a vehicle to investigate a report that an occupant in the vehicle had a gun. When one officer attempted to talk with the passenger, the driver drove off dragging the officer a short distance. The other officer fired multiple shots at the vehicle. The driver, 31-year-old Luis Castro, was stopped and arrested a short time later not far from Spain Night Club. Castro is charged with one count of felonious assault on a police officer. Detectives continue to search for the passenger who fled the scene before the vehicle was stopped. He is described only as a Hispanic male.

The officer who was dragged was treated at the scene for minor injuries. Luis Castro sustained minor cuts from his vehicle's shattered glass. The investigation is ongoing.

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